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1. PAO ROTUNDO RECEIVED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY LIBYA TO TOGO AS REWARD FOR LATTER'S BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL SHORTLY BEFORE OUTBREAK MIDDLE EAST WAR. OFFER MADE DURING EYADEMA'S VISIT TO TRIPOLI, OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 2, 1973 (REFTEL (A).

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SOURCE WAS TOGOLESE WHO ACCOMPANIED EYADEMA ON TRIP.

2. EDUCATION: GOL WILL HELP TOGO'S STATE-OPERATED UNIVERSITY OF BENIN WITH CONSTRUCTION ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS ANY BY DONATION NEEDED LABORATORY AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

3. CEMENT: LIBYA WILL INVEST IN AND HELP FINANCE DEVELOPMENT OF TOGOLESE LIMESTONE DEPOSITS AND CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT CLINKER PLANT, LATTER A PROJECT WHICH HAS BEEN ADVANCING THROUGH PLANNING AND FINANCING STAGES SINCE 1967.

4. FINANCE: LIBYAN GOVERNMENT WILL OPEN BANK IN LOME EARLY 1974; BANK WILL MAKE LOANS AVAILABLE TO SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES.

5. PETROLEUM REFINERY: LIBYA WILL SUPPLY CRUDE OIL FOR TOGO'S OIL REFINERY, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

6. LIBYA WILL SEND SURVEY TEAM AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS ON NOVEMBER 26 TO DISCUSS AND EXPLORE ITEMS PARAS 2 THROUGH 5 ABOVE.

7 ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE, TOGOLESE WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT HOPED-FOR LARGE CASH GRANT WAS NEVER MENTIONED BY LIBYANS, BUT THEY REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT GRANT MAY BE FORTHCOMING SOME TIME IN FUTURE.

8. COMMENT: (A) AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, AMERICAN FIRMS, PLANET OIL AND MINERAL CORP., HAS MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR OIL REFINERY OPERATION AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ARRANGING CONTRACT WHEREBY SONATRACH, ALGERIAN STATE OIL COMPANY, IS TO SUPPLY TOGOLESE REFINERY WITH CRUDE OIL. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE REACH EXPATRIATE ENGINEER WHO IS PLANET'S LIASON, BUT WHO IS FREQUENTLY AWAY, TO FIND OUT IF LIBYANS HAVE, IN FACT, THROWN SPANNER IN THE WORKS OF ALGERIAN CONTRACT; IF TRUE, NOT VERY CONDUCIVE TO ARAB SOLIDARITY.

(B) EMBASSY ATTEMPTING LEARN WHETHER LIBYANS OFFERED TO INVEST IN TOGOLESE PHOSPHATE INDUSTRY EXPANSION, WHICH WOULD BE LOGICAL AS IT IS TOGO'S ONLY SIGNIFICANT EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY. AS DEPT AWARE, W.R. GRACE AND COMPANY OF NEW YORK HOLDS 28 PERCENT OF EQUITY IN COMPAGNIE TOGOLAISE DES MINES DU BENIN, REST BEING CONFIDENTIAL

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HELD BY GOT (35 PERCENT) AND FRENCH MINING INTERESTS (37 PERCENT). IN APRIL 1972 SOCIETE TOGOLAISE DES ENGRAIS (STEN) WAS SET UP TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING CHEMICAL FERTILIZER PLANT IN TOGO AND, IF STUDY RESULTS POSITIVE, TO SET UP PLANT AND GO INTO FERTILIZER BUSINESS. STEN IS MIXED GOT-BELGIAN PRIVATE COMPANY: BELGIAN PARTIES ARE SYNDICAT BELGE D'ENTERPRISES A L'ETRANGER (SYBETRA) AND G. JANSSENS ET CIE., S.A. NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD OF STEN'S ACTIVITIES SINCE INCEPTION 19 MONTHS

AGO; FEASIBILITY STUDY SHOULD BE READY BY NOW.
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